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## A REBELLIOUS HOUSE.

"Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not; for they are a rebellious house."—Bible.

There is nothing so blind as the man who will not see and nothing so deaf as the man who will not hear.

It seems to be a human weakness to be stubborn and rebellious, and it is a little defect in life we should endeavor to prune away and smother out.

But it seems people just will go off after factions, and when once they get started they become blind and deaf to everything else.

The bible teaches us that if our brother is wrong to go to him and tell him—show him the error of his way and try to place him right. This is also the teaching of nearly all secret organizations, but how many christians and how many lodge members can keep their equilibrium long enough to do this?

All through this long-drawn-out fight we have felt that we were right, and our only desire has been to purge this city of a gang of evil men whom we have felt were a public menace.

We had no sooner begun the fight for the public good when the very small bunch at the beginning gathered reinforcements and sympathizers and at one time became a most formidable array. It seems the churches, lodges and orders were the principle places of recruiting, because, perhaps, the men we were fighting were using the churches as a cloak and the lodges as a shield. But the sentiment soon changed, and those who had been inveigled into the conspiracy against us soon saw their error and returned to us better friends than before, leaving the old gang to stand alone.

Through it all we have kept a standing challenge for any one to disprove one statement or one word uttered by us, but our challenge has never been accepted. Not one word we have ever said has either been disputed or denied. On this account we have felt that we were right, and, being right, we could not understand why or how our enemies should stand out against us.

Being desirous that certain people in this town who are affiliated with the churches and lodges should know the truth, we have at times mailed them copies of the Herald under the third class of mail so they could not "refuse" the papers at the

postoffice, among them being George S. Brown, who runs a store next door to the post office, "Aunt" Mollie White, and "Uncle" Albert Popham, all of whom tried to refuse the paper at the post office last week, but the postmaster could not accept the return of the papers after they had been removed from the post office.

Brown met us on the street Thursday morning and requested us not to mail the Herald to him again, saying that he thought the petition was to stop the fight. Brown being a long-standing enemy of ours on account of the 1910 local option election and one of the signers of the petition, we explained to him that the petition did not stop the agitation of our enemies against us, and, on that account, was not binding upon us, and that the paper was mailed to him that he might know our side of the controversy.

Brown repeated that he did not want the paper mailed to his address again.

Therefore Brown wants to know but one side of the question and that his own side, no matter how much in the right we might be, hence the bible quotation above.

## SOME TENDER SPOTS.

"There is a path which no foul knoweth, and which the culture's eye hath not seen. The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it."—Bible.

[Respectfully dedicated to the Allen-Walker bunch.]

And this path leads to the Herald office.

We have many reasons for saying this, and if you want to know some of them, just take your stand on the street some day and watch the Scavenger office.

First, you will see Old Ben and his henchmen, then Otto Allenskovitz will keep the sidewalk between there and I. Kohn's store well beaten, and later the old Kentucky friend will come along and they can talk over a few of their old gambling days with Trot Morris—the man who not many years ago came to Hayti to gamble will shamble by, accept a little saloon money, and then, Judas like, sneak to the remote parts of the county to betray his benefactors.

It was in front of the Scavenger office that we were cowardly and brutally assaulted, and it was the mayor of this city who placed the stamp of his approval upon the crime by remitting the fine of our assailant.

When Walker, the editor of the Scavenger, made his brutal, inhuman and infamous attack upon our character of 30 years ago he was so mean and felt so cowardly that he had officers guard his door and then slunk out the back way to go home, not having the courage nor the manhood to come out on the streets and face the decent and respectable people of the city of Hayti.

As bad as some people say we are, we did not spend 40 years of our life in drunken debauchery, gambling, grafting and whoremongering, and no visions of departed ones ever found it necessary to beckon us to a better life, only to attempt through such a flimsy shield, to drag some other man down to the awful depths from which we claimed to have just arisen. That would be sacrilegious.

Now we are talking about more than one individual.

While our face may not grace the amen corners of some of the churches and Sunday schools and we may not join in anthems and prayers, we have a pretty

clear conscience for our conduct along the pathway of life, and there are many things with which we cannot be charged; as state senator we never tried to have a printer make a false affidavit to a proof publication; as a justice of the peace we never took a false acknowledgment or issued a false paper (we never held any office); as a christian we never invaded the sanctity of a home; we never paid for a divorce for a prostitute; no irate husband ever sought to flog us for daring to approach his wife; we never violated the Mann White Slave act by taking a young lady to Cairo, and there are a great many things of which we can plead not guilty. No good mother can ever write about us that she would as soon send her grown daughter to a house of assignment as to our store.

Yes, we are not so bad, after all, and we have not much to fear from a comparison.

Of course they may chide us and ask foolish questions. They said to Christ:

"Where is thy father?"—Bible.

Christ got up against some hard propositions, too, when He was traveling along life's pathway, and was pretty hard pressed when He said:

"And now ye seek to kill me, a man that has told you the Truth."—Bible.

We do not pretend to be like Christ, only the same evil spirit that pervaded the world then pervades it now, and the only charge that can be brought against us is that we have been too allured persistent in telling the truth and sticking to it—making life too unpleasant for people who want to serve the devil under the cloak of religion.

Be it understood that it was not us who started the personalities—far from it. We were contending against the up-to-date faults of men in public life. It was they who dug down into bitter personalities, sending a man to Tennessee to bring back 30-year-old court records. No attack was made upon our present life. No attack was made upon the Hayti Herald. Therefore the editor and the Herald must be right.

This article is called out by the continued work of our enemies against us.

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